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TO-DAY is election day in New Hampshire. Three members of Congress are to be chosen.

BOTH HOUSES of the Pennsylvania Legislature have agreed to adjourn on 23rd March, to re-assemble on the first Tuesday of January next year.

WE have received the first number of the weekly Philadelphia Times, in quarto form, containing fifty-six columns of highly instructive, interesting and amusing reading. It contains the first of a series of articles of the unwritten history of the late Civil War, from leading actors in the cabinet, in the field in the forum, North and South.

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Hayes' laaugural Address.

The inaugural address of President Hayes was looked for with much interest. There is no doubt but what it was read too, when announced, with more general approval than has met any similar paper for many years. The ultra men in both parties are not well pleased, but the great majority of the people heartily applaud the sentiments expressed. He reiterated the doctrines set forth in his address accepting the nomination and his cabinet appointments are an assurance that he means to carry out his promises if he possibly can.

The New Cabinet.

The following appointments have been made by the President:

William M. Evarts, of New York, secretary of State.

John Sherman, of Ohio secretary of Treasury

George W. M'Creary, of Iown, secretary of War.

Richard M. Thompson, of Indiana, secretary of Navy.

Charles Deven, of Massachusetts, attorney General.

David M. Key, of Tennessee, Postmaster General.

Carl Schurtz, of Missouri, secretary of

The nomination of Secretary Sherman was confirmed and the other names were referred to the appropriate committees.

There seems to be a desire among some of the ultra party politicians of the Senate to throw obstacles in the way of the president and prevent him from carrying out his avowed policy unless he will do it in a manner, and by agents that will meet their approval. Mr. Hayes, however, seems to have determined to select his Cabinet to please himself, and the people will generally insist upon his right so to do, and will not approve any factious opposition.

Important Decision.

An important case was decided by the Supreme Court, involving over \$400,000-money due the State by foreign insurance companies doing business in Pennsylvania. According to an act of Assembly these companies have been assessed three per cent. on their premiums issued to citizens of this State, which they refuse to pay on the alleged ground that the law imposing the tax is unconstitutional because not uniform. A test case, to determine the obligation of eleven companies, was tried in the Court of Dauphin county and a verdict rendered in favor of the Commonwealth. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, which tribunal has decided to hear the cases as already mentioned. The companies interested have not paid any tax for three years, and, with interest it is claimed, they are indebted to the State over \$400,000.

A Romance in Real Life.

J. & W. Harper & Co., of Philadelphia in 1865 desired to speculate in oil lands, and employed a Baltimore man named Edgar C. Martin to go to the oil region and purchase a tract of oil-producing property. He selected some land near Pithole, and was entrusted with \$20,000 to make payment on the purchase. The firm soon after learned that their agent had not made the investment, but had

departed from Pithole in company with the pretty wife of a bar-tender of the hotel where he boarded, who was employed as chambermaid. She had been a danseuse in a variety troupe that disbanded there. Martin abandoned a wife and six children in Maryland. Two of the firm who had lost the \$20,000 died some time after, and in 1873 William Harper, the survivor, falled in business and removed to Forest county, where he has since lived in reduced circumstances. In February last friends of Harper in Philadelphia forwarded him a letter,addressed to the old firm and post-marked San Francisco. This was from the absconding agent, E. C. Martin. He was in San Francisco, and stated that he wanted to refund the money he had taken, and would do so if he was given immunity from prosecution. Mr. Harper started for California and met Martin. He had luxurious apartments at an aristocratic boarding-house. His mistress, Mrs. Warren, was still with him, and met Mr. Harper, brilliantly in jewels. Martin said he had sailed at once for Peru when he absconded, and had engaged in opening silver mines in that country for a share of their products. He claimed to be worth \$2,000,000. He was in California in business, but intended to return to Peru. He paid over to Harper the sum of \$36,000, being principal and interest of the money stolen. He said he had provided for the family he left in Baltimore, and they had gone to England, where his wife's parents live.

Stirring up a Hornets' Nest.

The following exciting story is told by the St. Louis Republican: "As the Missouri Pacific train was leaving Miller's Landing, Monday night, a gentleman came aboard carrying a stick, to which was curiously attached a hornets' nest. He had found it in the woods, and it had the appearance of being tenantless. But when brought into the warm atmosphere of the car, and placed near the stove, the heat soon awakened its dormant life, and a low, humming noise from the interior warned the embryo naturalist and his companions in destined misery that the sorrow was about to begin. A frantic effort to throw the nest from the window released the imprisoned insects, and next instant they swarmed through the car, each individual hornet armed with fury and savagely bent on the war-path. They struck right and left, and everywhere left in their trail a cry of agony. Women shricked and men vented curses loud and deep. But the sorrow waxed apace and the misery increased. People tumbled over seats and groveled on the floor. Polonaises were torn and scattered in promiscuous confusion, and shapely extremitles were exposed in a frantic search for hornets that had ventured in directions which hornets have no right to penetrate. Bald-headed men mopped their pates in agony and cursed the fool who had turned that happy car into a carnival of pain.

Rushing to the rescue of his beleaguered passengers, Conductor King was met on the threshold with such a warm reception that his inquiry, 'What the -?' may he not have been so far wrong after all. But the conductor only clasped his lips with both hands and commenced an Indian war dance in perfect keeping with the conduct of his passengers. He seemingly lost all anxiety to inquire any further, or if his curiosity was not appeased he prudently refrained from exposing it. Finally the doors and windows were thrown open and the hornets began to leave the car. In a little while only a few stray ones were left, and these the passengers kindly refrained from hurrying, but allowed to take their time, which, everything considered, was magnanimous on the part of people who had undergone so much discomfort."

Shaker Thrift.

A Berkshire, Mass., letter says: Elder Evans, the local leader of the Shakers, is urging a plan for "utilizing the dead," by burying them about 20 feet apart and planting a tree over each one, so that the burial ground will, in a few years, become a beautiful grove, or profitable piece of woodland, instead of a collection of stone memorials of doubtful artistic merit.

He has a plea of justice at the foundation of his scheme that, as every man during his life, and his ancestors before him, have had their sustenance from the elements and productions of the earth, he should be willing in his death to contribute to the support of those who come after him. The plan has already been carried out on a small scale at New Lebanon, N. Y., where a burial ground that had become crowded was graded off and planted with evergreens. all marks of the subsoil occupants of the lot being obliterated. The plan assuages somewhat the grief at the prospect of losing friends, as is attested by Elder Evans' remark to a portly believer, "Sister, you'll make a great lot of grapes."

Married after Twenty Years.

Mrs. Belle Mack, widow of the late Thomas M'Laughlin and Mr. J. Howard M'Cullough were married in the residence of the bride in St. Louis a few days since. The couple were engaged to be married in 1856 in Carthage, Illinois, but the bride accepted the hand and heart of another. Mr. M'Cullough immediately enlisted as a soldier boy in the United States army, and advanced to the position of Lieutenant of Company H. Thirteenth Infantry, and Quartermaster of the Post of Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation. During the lifetime of Mr. M'Laughlin there, was no correspondence between the old lovers, but after the latter died on February 17th, 1875, the former came to East St. Louis on a furlough at Christmas. He woold and won again, and went back to join his regiment to obtain a discharge if possible. Last fall he arrived free from any ties to bind him to Uncle Sam, and preparations were made for the coming nuptials, which took place as stated

Miscellaneous News Items.

The most violent snow storm of the season prevailed at St. Louis Thursday. Several inches of snow fell. Last night the mercury indicated 10 degrees.

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—Weldon, who attempted to assassinate Governor Packard, was liberated by the Packard authorities to-day under \$5,000 bail.

Joe Coburn, the pugilist, was sentenced at New York on the 6th inst., to the State prison for ten years, for assult with intent to kill officer Tobias.

A colored servant girl in Baltimore got "mad" because she was scolded by her mistress, and proceeded to mix some phosphorus in the bread. The family is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

The Harvard College Lampoon closes its second volume with the current number. In regard to Cornell news it says: A corps of surveyors has been sent to measure the width of the mouth of the Connecticut river, previous to ordering hats for the University crew.

A daughter of Ralph Farnbam, the last survivor of the battle of Bunker Hill, died in Boston on Thursday evening, aged eighty-two years. Her father, at the age of 104, was a guest of the city of Boston on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales in 1880. of Wales in 1860.

A temperature sanitary colony has been organized in Fresno county, Cal. The members pledge themselves to preserve the sanitary condition of the colony by maintaining the purity of the air, to sell or make no intoxicating liquors, and to belong to no secret organization.

The remains of N. Brown, Jr., of Philadelphia, who perished in the Bateman House fire, at Karns City, Pa., have been identified by a key check. Charlie Bateman, aged 12 years, who was rescued from the flames by his father, died of his injuries the next day.

** A few days ago a female miser was found starved to death in a filthy room in a New York tenement house. Her "shrivelled skin drawn tightly over the bones" was of the color and consistency of parchment. The miserable creature left a will by which she bequeaths the sum of \$1,400 to a nephew who resides in Philadelphia.

BATAVIA, N. Y., March 2.—This afternoon, while a German named Nett and his two little boys were drawing wood with a hand sled on Tonawanda creek, the boys broke through the ice. After a desperate struggle Nett saved the boys, but was bimself drowned. He leaves a large

ATLANTA, Ga., March 6.—Attorney General Taft's telegram to District Attorney Farrow giving the revenue prisoners an opportunity to plead guilty and go to their homes has been hailed with delight by parties in durance. Sixty-nine took advantage of the elemency of the government yesterday and a large number to-day. More than 200 will be benefited.

137 Brigham Young, Jr., is organizing in Salt Lake City a company of 500 Mormon families, which will colonize in Sonora, Mexico. The Mexican authorities have promised perfect religious toleration, and large grants of land. A rendezvous of the colonists will be established at St. George, Utah, and the march to the new land will be taken up on the 10th of April.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 6.—This afternoon the powder mill of the Laffin & Rand powder company, at Cressons, this county, was blown up. Considerable powder was stored in the building, and the shock was felt for miles around. Up to this evening it was not known if any person was inside at the time of the explosion. The fire spread rapidly, and several adjoining buildings were damaged. Loss unknown. Two men were instantly killed by an explosion at the same mill a year age.

The eloping couple in this instance were overtaken by the girl's father at Casey Station, Tenn. He pulled her out of her lover's wagon, put her in front of himself on a mule's back, and started for home. The lover gave chase, but his wagon broke down. Did his presence of mind desert him in that emergency? No, he shouted. "Sally, if you love me, slide off!" She wriggled out of her parent's grip, and slid off the smooth back of the mule. Before the parent could get her remounted the the parent could get her remounted the lover came up afoot, and, in a hand-to-hand encounter, triumphed over the old man. Then the young ones mounted the mule

The Bateman House, at Karos City, Butler county, Pa., was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 5th inst. The fire originated in the office and cut off all escape by the stairway from rooms above.—Mr. Bateman rushed through the flames with his son. He was badly and his son fatally burned. In searching the debris the bodies of Mrs. Bateman, her daughters, Minnie, Lou, Belle and Winnie, were

found burned beyond recognition. N. Brown, of the firm of Sprongle & Cô., of Phil'a., was found almost consumed.— Thirty guests were in the hotel at the time, six of whom were injured by jumping from the windows. The loss is about \$10,000; insurance \$900.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7th, 1877. Intense excitement prevailed at the Capitol the last few days of the Session, but at last the agony is over and we may very soon look for peace and quiet throughout the country. Congress remained in session throughout the whole of Thursday night and it was not till between four and five o'clock Friday morning that the last State was counted and Hayes declared elected.— When the formal declaration of the elecwhen the formal declaration of the elec-tion was made, the announcement was re-ceived with but little demonstration, the assembly evidently remembering the in-junctions that had several times during the junctions that had several times during the night been impressed upon them, to abstain from any marks of approval or disapproval. One man hissed and another clapped his hands—so ended the greatest and most threatening struggle for the Presidency that has taken place in the history of our nation. May we never have such another.

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It is to be regretted extremely that some of the scenes that have lately been enacted at the Capitol should have occurred, disgracing the country, as they have, by the shameful acts of several of her Representatives. For instance, Friday quite a prominent Congressman got into a regular rough-and-tumble, tooth and nail fight with one of the House doorkeepers. He heard that Mr. Harris (the doorkeeper) had refused to take a card from a visitor to him during the debate on the Presidential count, and in high dudgeon made for the door and without a word pushed Harris from his seat on to the floor. As the surprised door-keeper rose to his feet the gentleman (") struck him a blow on the chess which Harris returned with one under the eye of the ris returned with one under the eye of the puglistic legislator. The affray was there put an end to by the interference of other Representatives and the man who fights carries a black eye for his folly. Again; Thursday a member of the House utterly refused to obey the Speaker's ruling, leaped upon the top of a desk screaming at the highest pitch of his voice in frantic effort to make himself heard amid the tumult that prevailed, and finally was forcibly that prevailed, and finally was forcibly pulled down from the desk, and quieted only by the appearance of the Sergeant-at-arms with his mace. During the counting of the electoral vote it has been the custom of the Representatives to rise as the Sena-tors entered the hall for joint convention; but Friday morning, when they were an-nounced for the last time, the majority of Representatives (in a childish pet because Representatives (in a childish pet because their game was up and they saw themselves defeated), remained sitting. Now are not such actions and such demonstrations as these utterly unworthy a United States Congressman, no matter what his State, color or political sentiments?

The city was plunged into a state of tumultuous excitement the last week by the announcement that a horrid murder had been committed in the Treasury.—
The facts of the affair, as they have since
appeared, are as follows: About noon
Thursday a man entered the Treasury
building and sent a card to Mrs. Mary
Storer, a widow who has been employed as
clerk in the Redemption Bureau for some ten years past. The card bore the name of John Dilts and Mrs. Storer immediateof John Dilts and Mrs. Storer immediately stepped into the passage to speak with him. Very few words had passed between them when the man seized her—for what purpose is not known. She struggled, screamed, broke away from him and ran along the passage, Dilts following and finally firing two pistol shots at her, neither of which were effective. A watchman and messenger secured the man after man and messenger secured the man after a hard struggle and presently turned him over to an officer of the Metropolitan police who took him at once to the station ly half unconscious and it was soon disly half unconscious and it was soon discovered that he was under the influence of some drug or poison. Dilts is just what he appears to be, a well to do farmer about forty years of age. He is a widower with a family, from Michigan. He met Mrs. Storer some months since, fell violently in love with her, proposed and was rejected, hence his attempt to end both her life and his own. He refuses to take any medicine. his own. He refuses to take any medicine, but is still living. President and Mrs. Grant gave a fare-

well dinner to the Cabinet Saturday evening, at which Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were present. No inaugural ball nor pub-lic reception was given last evening, but there was a grand torch-light procession, fireworks and illumination. Pennsylvania Avenue was illumined by calcium lights furnished from New York.

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